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1. SUMMARY. DURING A JANUARY 11 AND 12 VISIT TO NANKING,
USLO OFFICER SAW POSTERS INDICATING PROVINCIAL RC VICE
CHAIRMAN HUA LI-SEN AND YANG KUAN-LI HAVE BEEN OUSTED.
ONLY A LOW LEVEL OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY WAS PUBLICLY
APPARENT, HOWEVER, AND PRO-CHOU SENTIMENT SEEMED WELL
UNDER CONTROL. TENG'S NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED. END SUMMARY.

2. ONLY A LOW LEVEL OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY WAS PUBLICLY
APPARENT DURING USLO OFFICER'S JANUARY 11 AND 12 STAY
IN NANING. PUBLIC AREAS GENERALLY HAD BEEN CLEANED OF
BIG CHARACTER POSTERS. FRESH COATS OF WHITEWASH
COVERED MANY WALLS, ON SOME OF WHICH AN UNDERCOAT OF
ANTI-RIGHTIST SLOGANS WAS STILL DECIPHERABLE. ALMOST
ALL OF THE REMAINING POSTERS WERE DISTINCTLY INSTI-
TUIONAL IN APPEARANCE. MOST PROMINENT AMONG THESE
WERE RECENT SLOGANS CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF THE
DECISION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY HUA
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KUO-FENG IN RESPECT TO THE REMOVAL FROM OFFICE AND
INVESTIGATION OF (PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE
VICE CHAIRMAN) HUA LIN-SEN AND YANG KUANG-LI.

3. A LENGTHY POSTER AT THE ENTRANCE OF THEINANKING
ELECTRIC SUPPLY BUREAU PROVIDEU
SOME DETAILS ON PUTA-

TIVE GANG OF FOUR SUPPORTERS IN KIANGSU NANKING, IN ORDER "TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF BEATING THE DOG IN THE WATER." COYLY USING SURNAMES AND X'S, THE POSTER INDICATED WU TA-SHENG, HWA, YANG AND PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE MEMBER X X (A TWO-CHARACTER NAME RANKING BELOW THE OTHERS IN PROTOCOL ORDER) FOR A VARIETY OF LOCAL MALFEASANCE. THEIR CRIMES ALLEGEDLY SHOWED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CREATE CHAOS IN KIANGSU IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE GANG OF FOUR IN URSURPING POWER. IN ADDITION TO LOCAL GRIEVANCES, THE MORE INTERESTING MISDEEDS CITED INCLUDED: (A) ATTACKING PENG CH'UNG AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 1976 FOR CARRYING OUT TENG'S COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY LINE. (B) ON SEPTEMBER 2 AND AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 7, WU SAID THAT JUST AS TENG HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT, PENG CH'UNG HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE NANKING INCIDENT. (IN REFUTATION, THE POSTER WRITER CITED THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC

SECURITY OFFICER'S CONFERENCE OF JUNE 1976 IN PEKING, WHICH NOTED THE "GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS" MADE IN PERSUING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE TIEN AN MEN, NAKING AND OTHER LOCAL INCIDENTS.) (C) TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CREATE AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE MOTORCADE OF VISITING BOTSWANA PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA ON AUGUST 6. (D) ATTACKING PENG CH'UNG AND HSU CHIA TUN FOR ORDERING THE STREETS CLEANED OF POSTERS, AS HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF ANOTTER FOREIGN DELEGATION THIS YEAR. A DISPLAY ON THE 4TH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLES CONGRESS FEATURE PHOTOS OF HUA ALONE AND HUA WITH YEH. THE ONLY OTHER MEMBER IDENTIFIED BY NAME WAS CHEN YUNG-KUEI.

4. NO OTHER POSTERS ATNKACKING INDIVIDUALS WERE NOTED, BUT THE USUAL POSTERS COMMEMORATING CHOU, CARICATURING THE GANG OF FOUR, AND SLOGANS ENCOURAGING PRODUCTION WERE VISIBLE IN RELATIVELY LOW DENSITY ON THE STREETS AND IN FACTORIES. AT THE NANKING FORESTRY INSTITUTE, A POSTER CALLED FOR CARRYING OUT THE SPIRIT OF CENTRAL DOCUMENT NO. 23. BRIEFINGS AT A FACTORY AND THE FORESTRY INSTITUTE DID NOT REFER TO TENG AND WERE EXTREMELY SHORT ON POLITICAL COMMENT OF ANY KIND.

5. USLO OFFICER WAS TAKEN TO THE SECOND NIGHT'S

PERFORMANCE OF THE MODERN REVOLUTIONARY DRAMA "PA
YI FENG PAO" ("THE AUGUST 1 STORM"). A HISTORY OF
THE NANCHANG UPRISING BILLED AS A MEMORIAL TO BELOVED
PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. THE PACKED HOUSE RESPONDED WITH
APPRECIATIVE MURMURS TO EVERY REVERENT REFERENCE
TO CHOU, WHO WAS CREDITED WITH MASTERMINDING THE
REVOLT.

6. CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE GUIDE TOLD USLO OFFICER
THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF P'ENG CH'UNG, HSU CHIA-TUN
WAS THE LEADING MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTION-
ARY COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS ABOUT TENG PRODUCED ONLY

AN AGITATED SILENCE. APPARENTLY GUIDANCE HAS NOT YET
BEEN RECEIVED.
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